

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Caption of Case)

Windstream South Carolina Incorporated Request
 Certification of the Use of Universal Funds pursuant
 to 47 CFR §54.314 and Telecommunications Act §254
 (e); Federal Communications CC Docket No. 96-45

BEFORE THE
 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COVER SHEET

DOCKET
 NUMBER: 2006 - 219 - C

(Please type or print)

Submitted by: Burnet R. Maybank III

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July 26, 2007

Burnet R. Maybank, III
Member
Admitted in SC

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING
AND REGULAR MAIL

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Docketing Department
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Docket Number 2006-219-C
Letter Requesting Certification – Windstream South Carolina, Inc.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Charleston
Charlotte
Columbia
Greensboro
Greenville
Hilton Head
Myrtle Beach

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of a letter requesting Certification of the Use of Universal Funds pursuant to 47 CFR §54.314 and Telecommunications Act §254(e); Federal Communications CC Docket No. 96-45 ("Certification") certifying that Windstream South Carolina, Inc. f/k/a Alltel South Carolina, Inc. is in compliance with all provisions of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act and attached affidavit as self-certification.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record with a copy of this Certification and affidavit.

The enclosed document is an exact duplicate of the e-filed copy submitted to the Commission in accordance with its electronic filing instructions.

Very truly yours,



Burnet R. Maybank, III
Enclosure

cc: Nanette S. Edwards, Esq.
All Parties of Record



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Vice President – External Affairs

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July 25, 2007

Mr. Charles L. A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: *Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds pursuant to 47 CFR §54.314 and
Telecommunications Act § 254(e);
Federal Communication Commission CC Docket No. 96-45*

Dear Mr. Terreni:

This letter is to request that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”) certifying that Windstream South Carolina, Inc. (formerly known as Alltel South Carolina, Inc.) is in compliance with all provisions of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The amount of federal high-cost support Windstream South Carolina, Inc. (“Windstream”) will receive in 2008 will be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. §54.101(a) and, as the attached affidavit shows, Windstream certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

The FCC’s rules requires that, in order for carriers to receive the federal support for which they are eligible, state commissions file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that rural carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1 of each year. If certification is not received by the FCC on or prior to October 1, 2007, federal support for universal service in the areas serviced by Windstream within South Carolina will not be eligible for support in the first quarter of 2008. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d).

Windstream respectfully requests that the Commission accept this letter and the attached affidavit as self-certification that Windstream is in compliance with 47 C.F.R. §54.314 and 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and issue a letter to the FCC and USAC prior to October 1, 2007 certifying that Windstream South Carolina, Inc. is in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Act and therefore eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2007.

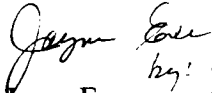


July 27, 2006

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Please let Burney Maybank or I know if you have any questions about this matter. Burney can be reached at 803-771-8900.

Sincerely,


Jayne Eve *by: John Wood*

cc: C. Dukes Scott, Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff
Joseph M. Melchers, Esquire
James E. Spearman, Ph.D.
Burnet R. Maybank, III, Esquire
James White

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ARKANSAS
COUNTY OF PULASKI

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared Michael D. Rhoda, who deposed and said:

My name is Michael D. Rhoda. I am employed by Windstream South Carolina, Inc. (formerly known as Alltel South Carolina, Inc.) as its Senior Vice President – Regulatory and Wholesale. I am an officer of Windstream South Carolina, Inc. (the “Company”) and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina’s certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

Windstream South Carolina, Inc. hereby certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2008 for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

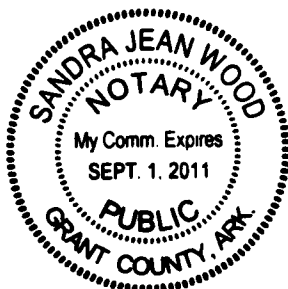
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Michael D. Rhoda
Senior Vice President–Regulatory & Wholesale

STATE OF ARKANSAS
COUNTY OF PULASKI

Acknowledged before me this 25th day of July 2007, by Michael D. Rhoda, as Senior Vice President – Regulatory and Wholesale of Windstream South Carolina, Inc. who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.


NOTARY PUBLIC

SANDRA JEAN WOOD
Printed Name of Notary
My Commission expires: Sept 1, 2011

Personally Known ☒
Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____

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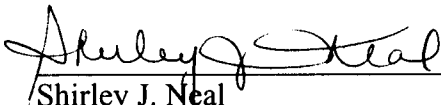
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Shirley J. Neal, hereby certify that on this 26th day of July, 2007, a copy of a letter requesting **Certification of the Use of Universal Funds pursuant to 47 CFR §54.314 and Telecommunications Act §254(e); Federal Communications CC Docket No. 96-45 and Affidavit of Windstream South Carolina, Inc.** certifying that Windstream South Carolina Inc. f/k/a Alltel South Carolina, Inc. was placed in the United States mail, via first class, postage prepaid to:

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Columbia, South Carolina 29211
(Office of Regulatory Staff)
Email: fbelser@regstaff.sc.gov

Jayne T. Eve
Windstream South Carolina, Inc.
P.O. Box 689
 Mooresville, NC 28115
Email: jayne.eve@windstream.com



Shirley J. Neal